

United States Department of the Interior

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex 64 Maple Street Burbank, Washington 99323



July 14, 2009

Dear Hunt Applicant:

Enclosed is a 2009/2010 waterfowl hunt reservation application for the McNary National Wildlife Refuge (McNary NWR) Fee Hunt Unit. If you need more copies, feel free to photocopy the application, but remember that each hunter can submit only one application. Applications will be accepted starting July 14, 2009, and **must be received by September 11, 2009**.

When choosing application dates it is important to remember:

- 1) The McNary NWR conforms to hunting season dates set by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). These dates should be posted on the WDFW website wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/seasons.htm by mid-August. Shortly after season dates are established, the 2009/2010 WDFW hunting pamphlets will be available at WDFW offices throughout Washington, as well as at many sporting goods stores and online.
- 2) Each hunter may submit **one** application with up to ten reservation dates for the 2009/2010 hunting season. Submission of multiple entries, or any other attempt to defraud the system, could result in all entries being rejected.
- 3) The McNary Fee Hunt Unit is open for hunting three days per week—Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday—as well as Thanksgiving and New Years Day.
- 4) No adult reservations are accepted for the Youth Hunt Day, December 5, 2009.

All valid and timely applications will be processed through a computerized lottery program. Each applicant will be emailed or mailed their successful hunt date(s) with a number designating their order of blind selection for each date. Those applicants that did not receive a draw in the lottery will be notified. The person with the lowest number present at the Hunter Check Station on the day of the hunt receives first choice of blind site. To ensure safety and promote high-quality hunting opportunities, each reservation holder is allowed a maximum of two guests. After reservation holders have selected their hunting sites, unoccupied sites are filled by standby hunters according to a drawing conducted at the Hunter Check Station. All hunters should bring valid identification with them.

There is a non-refundable, \$5.00 application fee which **must be received by September 11, 2009**. Please make checks/money orders payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. **Do not send cash.** Although each hunter can submit only one application, multiple applications for family members may be submitted in one envelope with one check.

There is a daily \$10.00 hunting blind fee for each hunter (reservation holder and standby recipients) and guest, payable at the time of the hunt. A season pass is available for \$50.00 and may be purchased at the Hunter Check Station. There is no fee for hunters aged 15 years and younger. Holders of any American the Beautiful Access Card pay half price for hunt fees (either the daily hunt fee or the season pass).

To apply for the Youth Hunt Day (Saturday, December 5, 2009), send a postcard with the name and address of the youth hunter and include "McNary Refuge Youth Hunt Day" in the address or on the card. Duplicate applications will not be accepted. Youths must be 10- to 17-years-old to participate in this hunt, must have a hunter safety card, and must be accompanied by an adult companion at least 18-years-old (two companions per youth hunter will be allowed). Because the purpose of the Youth Hunt Day is to provide young hunters the opportunity to receive guidance from experienced hunters, adults are not allowed to hunt. Reservation and blind fees are waived for the Youth Hunt Day. Applications for the Youth Hunt Day will be accepted from now through November 6, 2009.

The Hunter Check Station is no longer located at the McNary NWR Headquarters. The new location is on Humorist Road across from the Fee Hunt Unit entrance. The station will be staffed from 1½ hours before legal shooting time until 8:00 am and from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm on scheduled hunting days. The Hunter Hotline telephone will be activated when the hunting season begins. The number is (509) 546-8325 (546-TEAL).

We look forward to providing you with high-quality hunting opportunities again this year. If you have questions, please contact us at (509) 546-8300.

Sincerely,

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Project Leader, Mid-Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Complex

WATERFOWL HUNTING APPLICATION

Fee Hunt Unit, McNary National Wildlife Refuge

Reservation applications for the **ENTIRE STATE WATERFOWL SEASON** must be included on one application. Applications will be accepted starting July 14 and must be received by **September 11, 2009**. A reservation date and a number designating the order of blind selection will be mailed to successful applicants. Submission of the application **does not** guarantee selection. Applications are computer processed and selections are made randomly. This application form may be reproduced.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Print your name, address and telephone # completely and clearly in the boxes on the application below.
- Print your Washington hunting license number or hunter safety card number in the boxes below (permanent license and hunter safety card numbers should start after the first "-").
- Write in your choice(s) of reservation dates (up to ten dates). Use only day and month.
- REMEMBER, hunt days are <u>only</u> Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Years Day. No adult reservations are accepted for December 5, 2009, which is Youth Hunt Day.
- Each hunter may submit only ONE application. Multiple applications may result in all being rejected.
- All applications **must** be submitted with the \$5.00 non-refundable application fee, via check or money order and made payable to the **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**. <u>Applications received with cash enclosed will be returned to sender without being processed.</u>
- Detach the completed application block, place in an envelope, affix postage, and send to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service McNary Waterfowl Hunting Lottery 64 Maple Street Burbank, WA 99323

Important: Check your application over carefully. Duplicate applications, incomplete applications, and those with errors will be rejected. Hunting reservations are NOT TRANSFERRABLE. Good luck!

2009-2010 Waterfowl Season Reservation Application for McNary Fee Hunt Unit

| Last Name: | First Name: |
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| Mailing Address: | City: |
| State: | Zip Code: |
| Telephone Number: () | Hunting License/Safety Card #: |

I am applying to hunt on one or more days listed below (e.g., October 19 shown as 10/19)

Requested Waterfowl Hunt Dates

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | <u>5</u> |
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| <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | 9 | <u>10</u> |
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Hunting Dates

Although the state of Washington could set different dates when the final waterfowl hunting season is published, these are the dates we believe will be included. (December 5 has been omitted as it is Youth Hunt Day.)

| October 17 | November 1 | December 2 | January 1 |
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| October 18 | November 4 | December 6 | January 2 |
| October 21 | November 7 | December 9 | January 3 |
| October 24 | November 8 | December 12 | January 6 |
| October 25 | November 11 | December 13 | January 9 |
| October 28 | November 14 | December 16 | January 10 |
| October 31 | November 15 | December 19 | January 13 |
| | November 18 | December 20 | January 16 |
| | November 21 | December 23 | January 17 |
| | November 22 | December 26 | January 20 |
| | November 25 | December 27 | January 23 |
| | November 26 | December 30 | January 24 |
| | November 28 | | January 27 |
| | November 29 | | January 30 |
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